WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A server for performing a predetermined process in response to requests from a plurality of users, the server comprising:

group specifying means for specifying, in the case of a predetermined user having logged in, a group to which the user belongs;

using environment specifying means for specifying a using environment corresponding to a group specified by the group specifying means; and

using environment setting means for setting an environment which conforms to a using environment specified by the using environment specifying means.

2. The server according to claim 1, wherein the group comprises one or more users.

3. The server according to claim 1, further comprising data bases divided physically or logically according to the groups, wherein the using environment setting means sets a data base corresponding to a group specified by the group specifying means.

4. The server according to claim 1, wherein the group specifying means includes a table which associates user information regarding each user with a group to which each user belongs and specifies the appropriate group by

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referring to user information which the user entered when the user logged in and the table.

5.   The server according to claim 1, further comprising processing means for performing a process corresponding to a request from a user, wherein the processing means performs a process in an environment for each group set by the using environment setting means.

6. A computer-readable record medium recording a computer program for realizing the functions of a server for performing a predetermined process in response to requests from a plurality of groups, the program comprising the functions of:

group specifying means for specifying, in the case of a predetermined user having logged in, a group to which the user belongs;

using environment specifying means for specifying a using environment corresponding to a group specified by the group specifying means; and

using environment setting means for setting an environment which conforms to a using environment specified by the using environment specifying means.